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For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MODIFYING PRINT STREAM DATA TO ALLOW PRINTING OVER A SINGLE I/O PORT**

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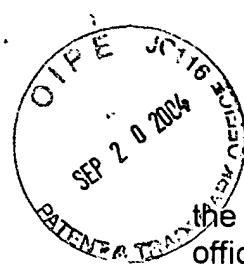
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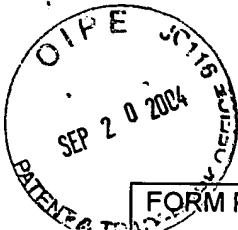
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